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In re Application of

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Application No.: 09/586,881

PCT No.: PCT/IL98/00563 : PETITION UNDER

Int. Filing Date: 19 NOVEMBER 1998

Priority Date: 20 November 1997 : 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Attorney's Docket No.: 1229/00

For: PAYMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

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This decision is in response to applicant's petition under 35 USC 1.137(b) filed 30 October 2008 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and to the supplemental petition filed 10 February 2009.

BACKGROUND

On 19 November 1998, applicant filed international application PCT/IL98/00563 which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 20 November 1997. The thirty-month period for the filing of United States national application expired at midnight on 22 May 2000 (20 May 2000 being a Saturday).

On 23 May 2000, international application PCT/IL98/00563 became abandoned as to the United States for failure to timely file the requisite basic national fee under 35 USC 371 (c)(1).

On 05 June 2000, applicant filed application 09/586,881 under 35 USC 111(a), claiming priority to PCT/IL98/00563 under 35 USC 120 and 365(c) and IL 122263 under 35 USC 119(a)-(d), which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a verified statement of small entity status.

DISCUSSION

A petition to revive the present application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must include:

- (1) The required reply;
- (2) The petition fee;
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

As to item (1), on 05 June 2000, applicant submitted application 09/586,881 and on 10 February 2009, applicant provided an amendment to the specification to indicate that this application is a continuation of PCT/IL98/00563.

As to item (2), the petition fee will be charged to Deposit Account 01-0433.

As to item (3), the required statement has been provided.

A review of the application file reveals that, with the filing of the present petition and accompanying papers, a proper response has been submitted and all of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) for revival have been satisfied and revival is therefore appropriate.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The application will be returned to Technology Center AU 3692 for continued processing.

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